Amendment To The Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A <u>computer implemented</u> method for a user to find pinpoint status of a shipment being transported by a carrier, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

clicking on a shipment pinpoint symbol <u>shortcut icon</u> on a computer screen;

connecting automatically to an internet or private network, if a connection is not already established;

<u>then, in response to clicking on the shipment pinpoint symbol shortcut icon,</u> sending automatically a shipping pinpoint inquiry to the carrier via the internet or private network;

requesting a pinpoint location of the shipment in response to the shipping status inquiry; and

receiving the requested pinpoint location of the shipment to the computer screen,

wherein the pinpoint location identifies a position between checkpoints at each of which shipment presence is monitored regardless of user inquiries.

2.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the shipment pinpoint symbol ~~is an~~ <u>shortcut</u> icon <u>comprises</u> [[of]] a file, <u>including</u> [[in]] a markup language <u>content text</u> [[,]] including a tracking code of the shipment.

3.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the shipment pinpoint symbol <u>shortcut icon</u> is provided to the computer screen in conjunction with a shipment checkpoint symbol <u>shortcut icon</u>, and

wherein the shipment checkpoint symbol <u>shortcut icon</u> is for obtaining information as to the presence of at least one of the checkpoints.

4.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1, <u>further comprising:</u>

~~wherein if~~ <u>determining whether</u> the step of providing the pinpoint shipping status information to the computer screen is performed later than a certain time after the step of sending automatically the shipping pinpoint inquiry, due to a delay, <u>and</u>

<u>compensating</u> [[then]] a user of the computer screen ~~is compensated~~ for ~~the~~ <u>any such</u> delay.

5.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the position is separate from all of the checkpoints.

6.-12. (canceled).

13.   (currently amended) A system for a user to obtain via internet or other network, a pinpoint status of a shipment being transported by a carrier, comprising;

a server computer for providing to a user computer a clickable shipment pinpoint symbol <u>shortcut icon file</u> that triggers a shipping pinpoint inquiry to a carrier; and

a shipping location tracker device, responsive to the shipping pinpoint inquiry, for providing the pinpoint status to the user computer via the internet or private network;

wherein the pinpoint status identifies a position between two checkpoints at each of which shipment presence is monitored regardless of user inquiries.

14.   (currently amended) The system of claim 13, wherein the shipment pinpoint symbol shortcut icon is an icon of comprises a file[[,]] including [[in]] a markup language content text[[,]] including a tracking code of the shipment.

15.   (currently amended) The system of claim 13, wherein the shipment pinpoint symbol shortcut icon is provided to the computer screen in conjunction with a shipment checkpoint symbol shortcut icon, and

wherein the shipment checkpoint symbol shortcut icon is for obtaining information as to the presence of at least one of the checkpoints.

16.   (original) The system of claim 13, wherein the position is separate from all of the checkpoints.

17.   (currently amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

determining [[if]] that the position indicates arrival at a delivery checkpoint; and

if the position indicates arrival at the delivery checkpoint, modifying the file, in a markup language, to remove the tracking code of the shipment.

18.-20. (canceled).

21. (new)   The method of claim 2, further comprising:

receiving the shortcut icon file via the internet or private network.

22. (new)   The system of claim 14, wherein:

the server computer sends the shortcut icon file to the user computer via the internet or private network.

23. (new)   The method of claim 2, further comprising:

then, in response to clicking on the shipment pinpoint symbol shortcut icon, sending automatically a second shipping pinpoint inquiry to a second carrier via the internet or private network;

24. (new)   The system of claim 14, further comprising:

a second server computer for providing to a user computer a clickable shipment pinpoint symbol shortcut icon file that triggers a shipping pinpoint inquiry to a second carrier.

25.   (new) A system for a user to obtain via a network tracking status information for a shipment being transported by a carrier including at least one of a pinpoint status and a checkpoint status, comprising;

a server computer for providing to a user computer a clickable shipment pinpoint symbol shortcut icon file that triggers a pinpoint tracking status inquiry for the shipment to a carrier; and a clickable shipment checkpoint symbol shortcut icon file that triggers a checkpoint tracking status inquiry for the shipment to the carrier; and

a shipment tracking device operatively connected to the server computer, the server computer using the shipment tracking device to provide the pinpoint status to the user computer via the network in response to the user selecting the clickable shipment pinpoint symbol shortcut icon file and to provide the checkpoint status to the user computer via the network in response to the user selecting the clickable shipment checkpoint symbol shortcut icon file,

wherein the pinpoint status identifies a position between two checkpoints at each of which shipment presence is monitored regardless of user inquiries.

26.   (new) The system of claim 25, further comprising:

the server computer configured to charge the user a fee is the clickable shipment pinpoint symbol shortcut icon file is selected by the user.